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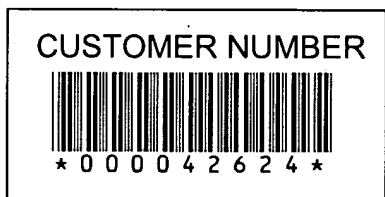
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ European Search Report
- ☒ Form PTO-1449, and a copy of the cited references

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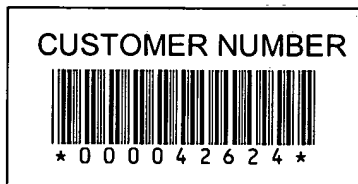
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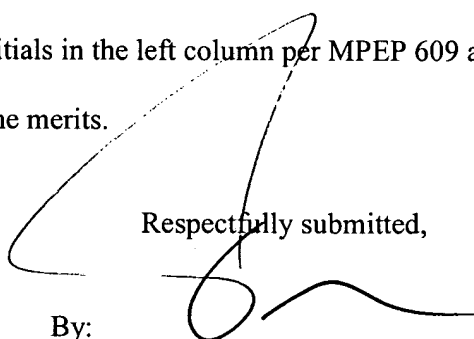
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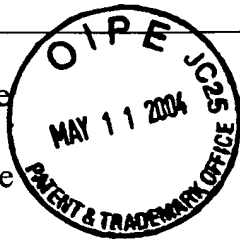
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